

REMARKS

Paragraph [0002] has been replaced to correct the translation. The word "deuteration" has been substituted for the word "dissolution".

Claims 1-8, 12-17, and 21-25 remain in the application. Claims 1, 12, and 21 are the remaining independent claims.

Claim 21 has been amended so that all claims have the limitation "a solvent-removing means for evaporating off of a first solvent from each sample and drying and solidifying the sample". Claims 1, 5, 12, 14, 21, and 22 have been amended to provide consistency.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8, 12-17, and 21-25 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102(b)) either by Ohashi et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,019,945 or Amano et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,835,707.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Neither reference teaches a solvent-removing means for evaporating off a first solvent from each sample and drying and solidifying the sample. For this reason, the rejection based on § 102(b) should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is urged this case is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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